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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN ARMS REQUEST: PRESS GUIDANCE

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1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS:

QUESTION: IS IT TRUE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED AGAINST SELLING THE MOROCCANS ARMS TO USE AGAINST THE POLISARIO IN THE WESTERN SAHARA?

ANSWER: WE HAVE DECIDED NOT TO SELL THE MOROCCANS AT THIS
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TIME ARMS THEY WISHED TO PURCHASE FOR USE IN THE WESTERN SAHARA.

THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN AFTER INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CONGRESS. WE HAVE EXCELLENT BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO AND A TRADITIONAL MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WE EXPECT WILL CONTINUE.

QUESTION: YOU MEAN YOU WILL STILL SELL THEM ARMS, BUT NOT ARMS TO USE IN THE WESTERN SAHARA?

ANSWER: THAT IS CORRECT.

QUESTION: CAN THE MOROCCANS USE IN THE SAHARA THE WEAPONS THE U.S. ALREADY HAS FURNISHED THEM?

ANSWER: THIS WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF OUR BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS, EXCEPT INsofar AS SUCH USE WAS UNDERTAKEN IN DEFENDING MOROCCO ITSELF.

QUESTION: HOW MUCH MILITARY AID DO WE GIVE MOROCCO?

ANSWER: DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR UNDER FMS PROGRAM THE U.S. WILL GUARANTY MOROCCO LOANS OF \$45 MILLION AND THIS IS WHAT WE EXPECT IN FY 1979. IN ADDITION, WE CURRENTLY ARE FURNISHING APPROXIMATELY 1 MILLION DOLLARS IN MILITARY TRAINING EACH YEAR. VANCE

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